

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

1. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephone interview with Christophe Lair on 8/7/08.

In the claims:

1(Currently Amended) An electronic assembly, which comprises:
a wiring harness; connectors connected to the wiring harness; and, a body molded on the wiring harness to, simultaneously, completely encapsulate the wiring harness and at least part of the connectors, the body being molded on the wiring harness by injecting a material into a mold containing the wiring harness and the connectors and [curing the material and] , after the material has cured, removing the molded body from the mold such that the body thus formed forms a one piece element that provides access to the connectors and insulates the wiring harness from the environment outside the electronic assembly.

17. (Currently Amended) An electronic assembly comprising:
a plurality of connectors; a wiring harness connected to said plurality of connectors, and a body molded on the wiring harness with a material to, simultaneously, completely encapsulate said wiring harness and to cover a portion of each of said plurality of connectors so as to provide access to each of the plurality of connectors,

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[the material in contact with both the wiring harness and the environment outside the electronic assembly, the material of] the body being molded on the wiring harness by injecting the material into a mold containing the wiring harness and the connectors and, after the material has cured, removing the molded body from the mold, the body being molded on the wiring harness so as to form a one piece element that provides access to the connectors and insulates the wiring harness from the outside environment, the body including integrated fixtures that are configured to attach the electronic assembly to a support.

20. (Currently Amended) An electronic assembly comprising:

a plurality of connectors; a wiring harness connected to said plurality of connectors, a body molded on the wiring harness to, simultaneously, completely encapsulate said wiring harness and to cover a portion of each of said plurality of connectors so as to provide access to each of the plurality of connectors, said molded body including a base portion that extends between said plurality of connectors, the body being molded on the wiring harness by injecting a material into a mold containing the wiring harness and the connectors and, after the material has cured, removing the molded body from the mold such that the body thus formed forms a one piece element that provides access to the connectors and insulated the wiring harness from the environment outside the electronic assembly; a socket plate affixed to the molded body, the socket being connected to the wiring harness, and a conductive coating on the outer surface of the molded body.

In the abstract:

At line 5, replace “ comprise ” to - - includes - - .

Allowable Subject Matter

2. Claims 1-20 and 22 are allowed.

The following is a statement of reasons for the indication of allowable subject matter:

The primary reasons for the indication of the allowability of claims 1-20 and 22 are the inclusion therein, in combination as currently claimed, of the limitation of an electronic assembly comprising: the body being molded on the wiring harness by injecting a material into a mold containing the wiring harness and the connectors, and, after the material has cured, removing the molded body from the mold such that the body thus formed forms a one piece element that provides access to the connectors and insulated the wiring harness from the environment outside the electronic assembly (for claims 1-16 and 20, 22), the body being molded on the wiring harness by injecting the material into a mold containing the wiring harness and the connectors and, after the material has cured, removing the molded body from the mold, the body being molded on the wiring harness so as to form a one piece element that provides access to the connectors and insulates the wiring harness from the outside environment, the body including integrated fixtures that are configured to attach the electronic assembly to a support (for claims 17-19).

The previously listed limitation is neither disclosed nor taught by the prior art of record, alone or in combination.

Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably

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accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

Response to Arguments

3, Applicant's arguments and amendments filed 5/28/2007 have been fully considered and finds the argument along with the amendments to the claim persuasive.

Contact Information

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to DHIRU R. PATEL whose telephone number is 571-272-1983. The examiner can normally be reached on M-TH, 6:30 TO 4:00.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego Gutierrez can be reached on 571-272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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